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"PANEL ELEMENT COMPRISING A CONNECTION SYSTEM"

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code Section 119(a-d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor(s) certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor(s) certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	DATE FILED	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119
Austrian	A 922/2002	19 June 2002	YES: <u>X</u> NO: <u> </u>
PCT	PCT/EP2003/006473	18 June 2003	YES: <u>X</u> NO: <u> </u>

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) and/or §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this specification is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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